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The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—
" Convening a meeting and taking part in it."

Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI :—" May I know who conducted the inquiry ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—
" The inquiry was held by the Superintendent of the Government Press."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know whether the hon. the Home Member is aware of the fact that the notice for convening the second meeting had already been issued when he received the order of explanation ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I am not aware."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" Has the hon. the Home Member inquired into the whole matter ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—
" I have inquired into the matter already."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Are the Government aware that when he addressed the second meeting he had not received the communication from the Superintendent ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" It has been answered."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" With regard to the giving of security is it not a fact that it was not demanded till two years had elapsed ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—
" Yes."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" Why was it done when his pay had already been reduced ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—
" Because new rules came into force."

Police

Rent-free quarters to officers of the Police department.

* 1878 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of officers of various grades in the Police department who are provided with buildings ;

(*b*) whether any rent is charged for any of them ;

(*c*) whether those who are not given official quarters are given any house-rent allowance ; and

(*d*) if so, how much ?

A.—(*a*) The following classes of officers and men of the Police department are entitled to rent-free quarters :—

(1) Sub-Inspectors, Sergeants, Probationary Sub-Inspectors, head constables and constables,

(2) Special Police, Malabar,

(3) All members of the Madras City Police,

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(4) Special branch clerks, Criminal Investigation Department,
(5) Inspectors of Police, Criminal Investigation Department, stationed in Madras, and
(6) Deputy Superintendent, Railways and Criminal Investigation Department.

Houses are rented for those who are not provided with Government quarters.

The number of police officers below the rank of Inspector for whom quarters existed at the end of 1927 was 96 Sergeants, 439 Sub-Inspectors, 1,950 head constables and 14,538 constables. There is no information about the number of quarters since constructed and the number of houses rented for those who are not provided with Government quarters.

Information is also not available regarding the number of houses built, taken on lease or bought for police officers of and above the rank of Inspectors.

(*b*) In the case of officers not entitled to rent-free quarters but provided with residences the standard rent or 10 per cent of the salary, whichever is less, is recovered.

(*c*) & (*d*) Head constables and constables in the City Police who are not provided with Government quarters are granted a house-rent allowance of Rs. 7 and Rs. 5 respectively, subject to approval of residence. For other ranks in the City and for those in the mufassal entitled to rent-free quarters houses are rented for them if Government quarters are not available.

Arrest of Mr. Sambamurti under section 108, *Criminal Procedure Code.*

* 1879 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether proceedings were taken against Sjt. Bulusu Sambamurti under section 108, Criminal Procedure Code, regarding certain speeches said to have been made by him since June 1928;

(*b*) whether any legal opinion was obtained with a view to ascertain whether these speeches or any portions of them fell under section 124-A, Indian Penal Code; and

(*c*) if so, when that was done—either before or after the arrest?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government are not aware whether the police obtained legal opinion or not.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI:—"May I know whether the hon. the Home Member had any information before, that this Bulusu Sambamurti was delivering lectures that are objectionable?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"That was the subject matter of inquiry by the District Magistrate."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI:—"Previous to that inquiry did the hon. the Home Member receive any information that Mr. Sambamurti was delivering seditious speeches?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Notice."